

NEWS IN REVIEW

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

Haine rehires Weber

Don Weber, one of the most controversial figures in Madison County politics and law enforcement in recent decades, has returned to the State's Attorney's Office.

State's Attorney William Haine said Weber began work Monday in a part-time position prosecuting violent crime cases.

Weber resigned in 1990 under a hail of criticism over what leaders in the black community and some Democratic Party leaders thought were racial remarks.

Haine said Weber, who has prosecuted numerous high-profile criminal cases, provides extra experience and talent needed on his staff after the death of long-time prosecutor Robert Trone and the departure of other veteran prosecutors in recent years.

Cancer benefits are Saturday

The community will open its heart — and pocketbooks — this weekend for two area residents suffering from cancer.

Kendra Dawn Hartley, 7, will receive help Saturday in her fight against cancer.

Friends and family are holding a benefit chili cookoff starting at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sammy's, 921 Niedringhaus in Granite City. The fee is \$10, payable at the bar. Donations will also be accepted at Sammy's. Food, raffle, and prizes are planned.

For more information on the chili cookoff, call 876-0621. Also on Saturday is a dinner and dance benefit to help pay the cancer bills for Vietnam War veteran William Moreland. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post #113, 1825 State St. in Granite City.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Crafts will be auctioned, and 50/50 tickets for a Dec. 13 drawing are \$2. Anyone wishing to make a donation should call 876-2902 or made directly to Central Bank to the American Legion, in care of Bill Moreland.

Grants augment departments

Federal money has been released to the Granite City and Madison.

Granite City has received a \$150,000 Community Oriented Policing Services grant to hire two officers currently training at Belleville Area College.

Madison and Granite City also have received block grants to purchase more equipment and personnel. Madison's grant is \$13,153 and Granite City's is \$15,922.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruchhausen said that the money will go towards purchasing portable radios, and possibly a fax machine for the dispatcher's department and an identification machine.

Meeting spotlights positives

Developers and civic officials are taking a hard look at the potential of the St. Louis National Stockyards property in National City.

In late October, about 35 people — ranging from developers, local municipal officials, development agency and state agency representatives — met to discuss future development at the stockyards.

Joe Frei, vice president of development for the stockyards, cited several reasons why the land has potential: its proximity to St. Louis, a transportation network including highway, rail, water and airports; ongoing development nearby; and the ease of dealing with a single landowner.

On the negative side, he said there is a "stigma" in the minds of many Missouri residents about Illinois. People from the west side don't recognize anything east of the Mississippi, he said, and it is something that will have to be overcome.

NEWS

Newcomers take three seats in Venice

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Three of four four-year seats on the Venice School Board were won by newcomers in Tuesday's election.

In Madison and Granite City, school board candidates were unopposed.

In Venice, incumbent Alvester Salmond — one of three incumbents running for the four-year spots — and challengers Karen Renee Matkins, Sandra K. Harris, and James Harrell were elected.

The top vote-getter was Harris, with 239. Other unofficial totals were Matkins — 236, Harrell — 231, Salmond — 209, incumbent Clarence Rhodes Jr. — 205, incumbent Ruby Johnson — 186, and challenger Carolyn "Pam" Wilson — 83.

Two incumbents also fought for a single two-year spot. Wil-

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liam Tyler Jr. defeated John Henry Williams, 215 to 190.

Salmond, 56, of Madison, is a retired licensed practical nurse, and has lived in the area since she was six months old. She is the present school board president.

Matkins, 42, of Madison, is a personnel officer with SIUE. She is a graduate of Venice High School, and attended SIUE.

Harris, 40, of Madison, is an administrator of a surety program for Peabody Holding Co., St. Louis. She is a life-long resident of the area.

Harrell, 48, of Venice, is chief finance officer with REJIS Commission in St. Louis.

In the Madison School District, incumbents Harry Peter-

son and James E. Newsome, along with newcomers Carol Hamm and John Ervin, were unopposed.

Vote totals in Madison were: Newsome — 471, Ervin — 430, Hamm — 426, and Peterson — 394.

In Granite City — four

incumbents — James "Jim" Noeth, Pete Novacich, Walt Whitaker, and Eldin E. Rea were unopposed.

Vote totals were: Novacich — 3,376, Noeth — 3,360, Whitaker — 3,315, and Rea — 3,257.

NEWS BRIEFS

Santa plans

Organizers for Santa's Holiday Avenue in downtown Granite City met again Oct. 29. Santa will arrive at the Santa House on Oct. 28, starting with a parade at Granite City High School and ending at the park on Niedringhaus Avenue. The Lions Club will offer holiday photographs for \$5 of children posing with Santa. Carriage rides will also be offered. The Santa House will sit on the parking lot of Floral Original on Saturday for decorating.

Country meal

St. John Lutheran Church, 2001 St. Clair Ave., is holding its County Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday. The all-you-can-eat menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, juice and much more. Cost is \$4 for over 12, and \$2 for children under 12. Call 451-7788 for more information.

Community eases pain for steelworker's family

Co-workers, friends and strangers are responding with an outpouring of love to the family of David Kircher, who died from burns in an accident at Laclede Steel Co.

"I answered 25 phone calls in an hour Monday from people showing their concern for Dave and his family," said Cathy Austin, the secretary at the union hall of United Steelworkers Local 3643 on East Broadway in Alton.

The 46-year-old steelworker died Friday at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur. He was burned over 61 percent of his body on Oct. 8 from a cutting torch he was using in a confined space at the steel mill.

Kircher was raised in Maryville where his parents, Delmar and Dorothy Kircher, still reside. He graduated from Collinsville High School in 1969.

"Dave put up a courageous fight to live after he was burned," said Terry Wooden, president of the Laclede steelworkers union.

The news of his death spread quickly through the steel plant, Wooden said. "Dave's fellow workers are shocked over his death," he said. "It's such a tragedy."

People are telephoning the steelworkers office and sending letters and checks for the Kircher family from throughout Madison County.

"Strangers from Granite City, Alton and Collinsville are calling to show how much they care for him and his family," said Austin, the secretary at

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Terry Wooden
union president

the union hall.

Laclede employees gathered at May Funeral Home in Kircher's hometown of Pocatonton Monday night to pay tribute to their friend and co-worker.

"We miss Dave. He was a hard worker, always ready to help someone on the job," said Larry Goss, a supervisor in the tube mill at Laclede.

The union's joint safety committee and U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration are continuing their investigation into Kircher's death.

"OSHA has inspected the confined area where Dave was burned," Wooden said. "They're interviewing employees."

Wooden met Monday with an international representative of the steelworkers union to accelerate the investigation into Kircher's death. "We want to know how it happened so we can prevent such a tragedy in the future," he said.

A special fund has been set up at a bank to help his widow, Patty, and their children, "Dave had eight children," Wooden said.

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MetroLink



Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS
Madison County Transit District Manager Jerry Kane manages a smile while watching election results at the county courthouse.

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the St. Louis issue spilled over into the Madison County race. "A lot of questions about St. Louis concerns really didn't apply to Madison County," he said.

"I think tonight is a pretty definite statement on the part of the voters, and we need to respect the will of the people," he said. "If it was fairly close, we could take another look at it again in the near future; this is not what you call a close race."

Kane said he did not know if the results would be any different in either the primary or general election.

"We tried to get the word out to the people to let them know that when they shop in St. Clair Square, when they shop in Missouri, they are already paying that tax, so why not try to bring MetroLink here," Kane said.

Supporters said they would have to take a close look at election results to see exactly what went wrong.

Madison County Republican Chairman Ed Ragsdale, who spoke out against MetroLink as an excessive, premature and poorly planned tax increase, said the people used "extremely good judgment."

"They want to know what they buy when they buy it," he added. Proponents need to work out a better plan and come back with better figures.

"Maybe then MetroLink will have a place in Madison County," he said.

Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, who led the move to put MetroLink on the ballot based on surveys, said he will evaluate the situation and take the question back to the Long Range Transportation Committee.

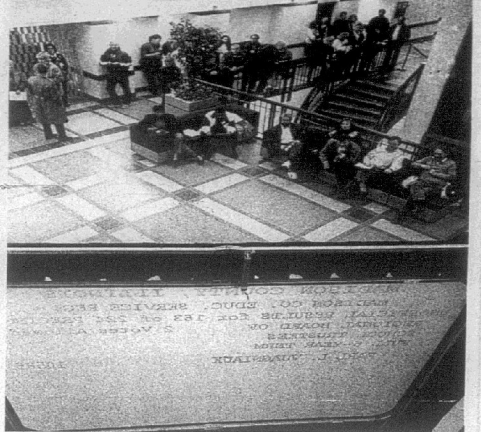
"We will take a look at it

from there. The committee will evaluate the loss and decide," Papa said. "I wanted the people of Madison County to vote. They did and they've spoken."

Papa had hoped the Madison County Transit District vote would come up at least even in the Edwardsville and Alton areas. If that had happened, the Tri-Cities area, which might have been the first stop on the proposed line, could have pushed it over the top for a win, he said.

Uncontested School Board seats in Madison or Granite City, where MetroLink support was expected to be greatest, could have been a factor in the low turnout, but mass transit was a big loser countywide, officials said.

(Some information for this article was provided by The Telegraph.)



Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS
Campaign workers watch election results on a big-screen television Tuesday night.

Madison

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lot of that tax increment is devoted to repaying those bonds."

The expansion will go as far north as Maverick Trucking, which is also planning an expansion project in the near future.

"There are a lot of things

that can happen there," Ortals said of the area. "Looking down the road in the life of this TIF district, you have the Illinois Department of Transportation's plan for a new Mississippi River bridge which comes right through this district just north of the race track and south of the golf course."

The golf course is actually being developed as an interim use, with the idea that once that new highway system and bridge system is in place, that property is going to have a higher use as a business or industrial park," he said. "It could be 10-15 years," he said.

"In the meantime you have a beautiful golf course," Ortals said. He is not sure how quickly the development will come, but there are plans to expand the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and Maverick Trucking, and developers have expressed strong interest in developing hotels next to the golf course.

"The TIF district has been a key to all of it," he said. "The area still has a lot of obstacles, you have some really nasty slum areas down there, you have some abandoned, dilapidated houses, you have some places where there is illegal dumping," he said.

He also said the city's tax rate was relatively high, adding that in the areas he mentioned where development was taking place, the tax rate was about half of Madison's.

"That is a big obstacle to

development," he said. "TIF is really able to counteract that. So it helps bring that cost of development down so you can pay the \$12 property tax."

When the TIF district expires in 21 years, he said the property will revert to the normal tax roles, greatly increasing the city's tax base and lowering rates.

"We're projecting with all the developments that are either underway, planned or talked about, that TIF district alone will have an assessed value of \$35 million dollars. When all that property comes on line, you've taken the assessed value of Madison from \$20 to \$55 million dollars, and that's not counting inflation."

He said development near the racetrack is also having an effect on business in town because of increased business opportunities.

"There is a whole lot of that underlying economic impact," he said. "With the hotels and restaurants, that's a real physical economic impact," he said. "But there are a whole lot of other things that are going on that you don't hear about."

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habit and to keep them in regular polling places," Von Nida said. "Generally, I don't like to consolidate anything that breaks that trend."

Yet Von Nida said he now favored the measure, primarily because it will save the county an estimated \$30,000.

"That means you don't pay judges for a second election,"

he said.
Von Nida said he would like to see some of that money returned to those judges, who currently earn \$65 a day. "It's a good time to talk to the County Board about having the judges reap some of those benefits," Von Nida said. "They will be asked to do more work on what is often already a 15-hour day."

Weber

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Gray was highly critical of Haine's action Tuesday, but other black leaders commented less harshly on the move. Emil Jason, president of the NAACP Edwardsville Branch, said Haine has a right to determine who will work for him.

"Mr. Haine generally makes

good decisions," Jason said. "It's his responsibility to take care of those matters, not mine."

Eric Robinson, president of the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial, said he had no comment about the specific decision.

Generally speaking, I realize this is something that happened seven years ago," Robinson said. "Exactly what happened is in some dispute. I don't think anyone needs to be in the woods forever."

Gray said the hiring was "one of the stupidest things" Haine could have done.

"I'm very disappointed," Gray said. "Haine showed us one thing. He doesn't care how the African-American community feels. Don Weber is very insensitive to African-Americans, and Bill Haine knows that."

Gray said Haine should have spoken to black leaders before deciding to rehire Weber but did not.

Sandra Hudson, president of the Madison County Urban League, and Earl Crumer, president of the 100 Black Men of Alton, said they would not comment before they had more information.

Weber was quoted in a newspaper story in 1990 with having said that five Alton youths charged with a man's murder but later cleared were part of a segment of the black community who were liars.

Weber said later that the comment was taken out of context and meant only to refer to the five youths, two other suspects later charged with the murder and two witnesses who were questioned about the slaying.

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Oregon vote should be choice decision

By the time this column runs, we all should know the results of Tuesday's election. We will know the victors in the Edwardsville school board race or if those of us who live in Madison County's 16 heavily populated townships are willing to fork out an additional half-cent per dollar on sales taxes so that sometime in the approaching 21st century MetroLink service will be extended into at least a portion of the county.

Naturally, I'm interested in the outcome of both, but I'll be equally anxious to learn the outcome of a referendum in progress two-thirds of a continent away.

That vote is the question of repeal of the Oregon law, approved in 1994 as Ballot 16, which allows for physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill through use of life-ending drugs requested by the mentally competent patient.

The Oregon law, which has yet to be actually tested because of contested suits in various courts, is now up for grabs.

Of course, I'm interested. According to supporters of the existing state law, repeal is a sure thing; predictions are 2-to-1. Today, we'll find out how accurate those numbers are.

Considering the decision this past summer by the U.S. Supreme Court that the right to physician-assisted death was not a Constitutional right, these people think this is a prime example of buck-passing.

I don't think so. While that court upheld laws of both New York and Washington states in banning such assistance, it also rejected an attempt to challenge the Oregon law, thus allowing that state's voters to make their own decision.

The question of how much control we will have over our own manner of death was, rightly I think, tossed back into the laps of the various state legislatures and their individual electorates.

It's a matter of national concern on many levels. Religious beliefs, morality, personal and professional ethics. One California group of



Carol Clarkin

the last category has suggested some safeguards against abuse should such assistance become legal — that make good sense.

They include such specifics as a 48-hour waiting period, a patient consent form signed in the presence of witnesses, confirmation that the patient is mentally competent and terminally ill with an expected life of six months (as well as confirming second medical opinions) and that the person has been offered and refused high-quality care and relief from pain and the decision to die without any form of coercion.

Truthfully, at least for the present, I have to confess to a bit of ambivalence in the matter. My quality of life is still comparatively good, I still feel I serve some useful purpose, and I think all things being equal, my health is moderately good, all of which could come to a quick-step change.

I've seen people I cared for die, some peacefully and in no great pain and some the heart-rending reverse.

Inevitably, to rational people of my generation, is beyond question. It's not a question of when, it's how and under what conditions. Not a decision I'd want to make for others, but I would want to make for myself.

Longevity was never one of my life's goals, and I doubt that will change at this late date.

The Oregon referendum figures that we can expect today may change a number of choices some Americans will be making, including making Portland a more antiauthoritarian Mecca than Michigan has been for some time.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constitution is backbone

TO THE EDITOR:

Of all the dates in American History, one of the most important is perhaps the least well-known, Sept. 17, 1787. On that day, our Nation's Founders signed the Constitution of the United States, a document that has steadily grown in stature throughout the world as a model for democratic government under the rule of the law.

Every American citizen has a right to form an opinion of the Constitution, and to propagate that opinion, and to use all honorable means to make his or her opinion the prevailing one.

For too long, instruction in our schools has focused on the Constitution as a long ago event rather than as the nation's enduring charter. The liberties afforded us for more than 200 years could be undermined if they are too little appreciated and safeguarded. We should be by mere reason of longevity, extolling the virtues of the Constitution and praising the superiority of the American Way of Life.

This is not to say that the Constitution is perfect as it is written and requires no fine-tuning. However, Congress, state legislators and Americans in general should insist that any modifications of this extraordinary document should meet extraordinary standards.

More often than not, proposed amendments are nothing more than political rhetoric or a smoke screen for politicians who would rather preach about a balanced budget, taxes, health care, crime and campaign reform, without any viable plan or serious intention to produce solutions the hard way, by making tough decisions and realistic choices.

Too often, they bow down to the wishes of special interest groups and lobbyist, not willing to risk their own re-election to deliver what is best for America, thus jeopardizing future generations of what we have enjoyed, of living as a free people in a free society.

President Kennedy's famous quote "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" are words which still echo a challenge to each of us today. If we unite as ambassadors for a common cause we can preserve and secure the past, present, and future of America.

Sherryl L. Meagher
GRANITE CITY

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TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the pastor, Board of Trustees and membership of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Granite City, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the support of Mayor Ronolph, the City Council and the citizens of Granite City and the surrounding area have provided during the construction phase and recently concluded consecration of our new church.

We felt it very important for our Armenian community, as well as the American community, to build a church of Armenian architecture to continue the strong Armenian presence in Granite City.

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Not one of 'we'

TO THE EDITOR:

The handwriting of what immigration will do to our country is now officially on the wall.

Before a group of journalists in June, President Clinton proclaimed that America can "live without in effect having a dominant European culture." He added that we want to become a multi-racial, multi-ethnic society.

And indeed, this is the way "we" the president proclaims? It hardly is the "we" most Americans who don't want their country following in the footsteps of multi-ethnic Bosnia. We are a multi-racial country. If our dominant culture withers away, assimilation and unity are impossible.

The sad truth is some Americans really don't care for freedom, at least the liberty of their fellow citizens. They are President Clinton's royal "We." Many are members of his party who provides them a diverse fragmented population; one use to taking orders. Ignorant of American principals and congenial to big government aims.

On the Republican side are big business interest who yearn for a more docile workforce which will not demand decent wages and working conditions. Mass immigration also serves their goal of a borderless world and a free hand in international profiteering.

Yes indeed, the message on the wall is there for all to see. Our way of life and freedoms in particular are at stake. Do we Americans dare to read it? Do we dare to act on it? Our daring will determine whether our nation lives or dies.

COLLEEN SPRENGER
Red Bud

Kittens defy act

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to the unknown "cretin" who left three tiny three-week-old kittens in a trashcan to die of suffocation on the evening of Oct. 8.

Your day of judgment will come, and your life will be haunted by your terrible act. In the 16 years I have been involved in animal rescue, I have seen every type of cruelty imaginable.

This case makes me so angry because it was so unnecessary. Shame on your cowardly soul — you didn't give them to any one of several humane societies in the area.

"So? They are just cats," you may say, but all life is of value. Sorry to disappoint you, but two of the three kittens survived your attempt at suffocation. They are being bottle fed by ARRF volunteers and in foster care. The attending veterinarians say they have a chance to make it.

When the kittens are healthy and eight weeks old, they will be ready for adoption. If anyone would like to help with the cost of medicine, formula and special diet food, please send your donations to: Mickey and Minnie Fund c/o Animal Rescue and Relief Foundation of S.W. Illinois, P.O. Box 397, Caseyville, IL 62232.

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ARRF president

Paper falls short

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Oct. 12 *Journal*, the story about the former owner, editor and publisher of the *Granite City Press-Record* included a quote about his paper's philosophy. The quote was, "a newspaper does not have to be neutral to be fair, and that it can and should take sides editorially when an important public issue is at stake."

I truly believe that C.E. "Corky" Townsend — as a dedicated newspaperman — should recognize the validity of Mitchell's right to vote in the current incorporation controversy.

If Mr. Townsend's standards were as praiseworthy as presented, then he would certainly allow his reporters to report the issues on incorporation fairly and accurately.

I do not believe the *Press Record* nor the *Journal* have maintained the standards of Mr. Townsend; they have succumbed to the pressures set forth by the self-serving political interests of areas surrounding Mitchell.

MARY TRIMMER
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I receive the *O'Fallon Journal* and I just want to mention that I'm not at all interested in the Sound Off! comments being published. They all deal with Collinsville and the upper Metro East. If you don't have any calls for O'Fallon, Shiloh, or Lebanon, why don't you just put something else there? Thanks.

Returns accepted

I would just like to thank the nice person who turned in my bag of groceries at the office of Shop and Save. Thanks again.

Grateful

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Welch for the many years of community service that he has given, serving on the Unit 10 school board. I regret that he chose not to run again. He's been a member on the board who was always accepting of phone calls and encouraged you to call. Mr. Welch not being on the board is a loss to the community. Mr. Welch, enjoy your free time. You deserve it.

Fallen asleep?

In regards to the paper with the Sound Off! *Wake Up Granite City!*, Granite City will never wake up. I have called, and asked, and asked, to have the alleys cleaned and they never have. All summer long, they've needed to be cleaned, especially behind Homeski Road in the 3400 block, and as far as Kirkpatrick, Nameo, money coming in to repair Kirkpatrick's roads shouldn't be done.

Hand in hand

It has been my experience in my 65 years that politics and money are nearly one and the same. I don't know who of the Mitchell group stands to make money from this annexation, but you can be sure that somebody will. And who will end up paying? If it ends up happening, I will end up paying my share because I'm in that area. My neighbors and I are happy just where we are. We are not Mitchell and we are not Granite City. We chose to live here. It seems there is always someone starting something to stir up our lives. So, while we are fortunate to be able to choose where we want to live, it's too bad that a so-called majority can take that away.

Demise of democracy

The demise of our democracy is quite evident in many events, such as the Ruby stalling the political appointment of (Ellmer) Kirchoff as Belleville Area College president, and the coverup for the Maryville chief of police, Don Sonnenberg, after leaving the scene of a shooting. The Illinois State Police Director Terrance Gainer should be fired for torturing a 51-year-old lady. In addition, Gov. Edgar should be impeached for commending such action. The St. Clair and Madison political machines are a take-off of what has happened in the past. It could be compared to what happened in communist Russia and what is happening in China today. Thank you.

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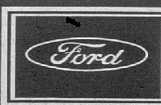
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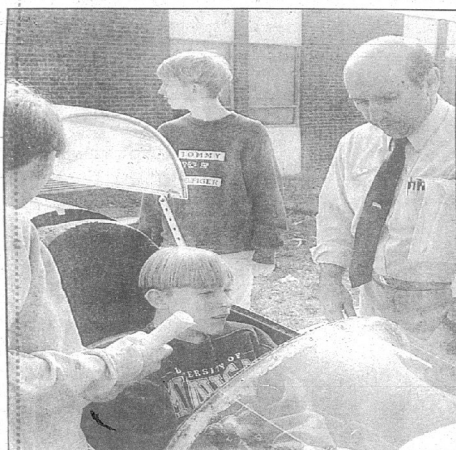


The students of Larry Wessels' technology class at Grigsby Middle School cluster around the BD-5 experimental airplane he brought in to demonstrate the principles of aerodynamics and aircraft technology. The plane was designed by Jim Bede as a kit in the

early 1960s. Wessels purchased the kit for \$1,600 in 1969, but after he entered the military, most of the work was completed by his father. The airplane was stored intact until last summer, when Wessels finished assembling it to use as a teaching aid.

Bringing technology into (or out of) the classroom

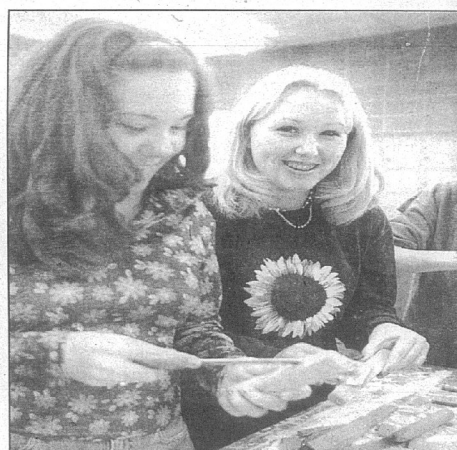
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Justin Somers tries out the seat of teacher Larry Wessels' BD-5 airplane. The plane was designed to be small and light for performance, and the cockpit is a tight squeeze.



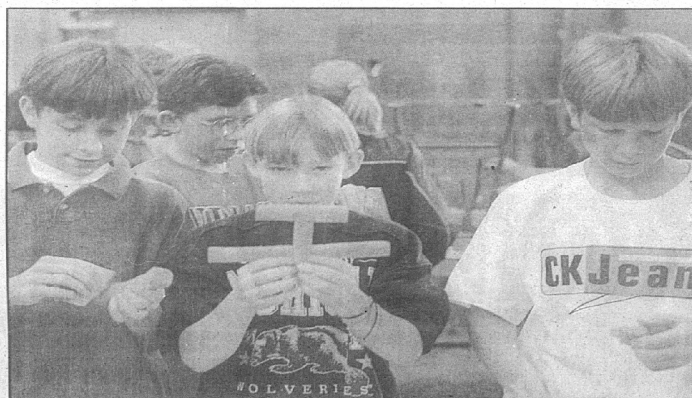
Tom Rowane and Mike Hill sand the edges of the wing sections of the model planes made from styrofoam into airfoil shapes.



Jessica Sprague and Amanda Krug work on their model planes, which they were building as part of a unit on the principles of flight in their technology class at Grigsby Middle School.



Rebekah Guffey cuts a section of fuselage for her model plane while classmate Liz Dochwat waits her turn. The students were encouraged to apply what they learned in Wessels' demonstration to the model airplanes they built.



Justin Somers, center, tries to straighten out the wings of a model airplane he made for his technology class at Grigsby Middle School while his classmates Russell Berraix, left, and Mike Hull, right, sand down the surfaces of their models to make them more aerodynamic.

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OBITUARIES

Kazmer Okai

KAZMER OKAI, 78, of Granite City died Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1997, at Oliver C. Anderson Hospital. He was born April 6, 1918, in Madison, Mo. Mr. Okai was employed by Granite City Steel for 34 years as a steelworker before retiring in 1981. He was a veteran and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Zaloga) Okai; one daughter, Kathleen Daur of Collinsville; one grandson, Kenneth Daur of Avon, N.Y.; and one sister, Gladys Skupish of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tomasz and Sofia (Rudnicki) Okai; four brothers, Ted, Vincent, Matthew and John Okai; and one sister, Anna Vorosky.

The body was donated to Washington University School of Medicine. Memorials are suggested to Washington University Cardiology Department for Research.

Esther Newberry

ESTHER L. (KEEL) ATKINS NEWBERRY, 78, of Granite City died at 1:40 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1997, at her home. She was born December 2, 1918, in Stewart County, Tenn., and resided in Granite City for the past 44 years.

Mrs. Newberry was the former owner of L. and E. Confectionery and the Little Dover Inn, both in Granite City. She was employed by Greens Confectionery in Granite City as a cashier for 21 years before retiring in 1982.

Survivors include one son, Terry Atkins of Granite City; one daughter, Wanda Atkins of Granite City;

five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three stepsons, George Newberry of Decatur, Barney Newberry of Mississippi, and Roger Newberry of California; two stepdaughters, Sarah Roush and Dorothy Sims, both of Decatur; two sisters, Neva Brooks and Dea Pickles, both of Granite City; and several great-grandchildren; and step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Green Newberry in 1987; her parents, Jack and Sudie (Knight) Keel; one stepdaughter, Ruth Trechell; one brother, Leslie Keel; and one sister, Christine Bryant.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 6, at Irwin Chapel, 3900 Mayville Road, Granite City. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, with the Rev. James Hooker officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery on Namook Road in Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Shirley Travis

SHIRLEY L. TRAVIS, 64, of Granite City died at 4:21 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born Nov. 25, 1933, in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mrs. Travis was a housewife and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Reagan, Rory Travis, and Tracey Travis, all of Granite City; three daughters, Sherry Evans of Granite City, Holly Wilson of New York City, N.Y., and April Legate of Marble Hill, Mo.; two sisters, Betty McClanahan of Yelm, Wash., and Mary Lee

Bustler of Sullivan, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Travis in 1993; her parents, Treble and Bertha Rosetta (Paine) Evans; and one sister, Wanda June Malloy.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Father Tom Wise officiating. The body was cremated.

Memorials are suggested to Alexian Brother Hospital.

Norman G. Hillebrand

NORMAN G. HILLEBRAND, 82, of Granite City died at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Nov. 14, 1914, in Madison.

Mr. Hillebrand was employed by the railroad as a clerk. He was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ and the VFW Post #805 in O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William H. and Della (Wein) Hillebrand; and his brother, William J. Hillebrand in September of 1967.

Thursday, Nov. 6, at Irwin Chapel, 3900 Mayville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Timothy W. Dilbeck

TIMOTHY W. DILBECK, 36, of Dupon died Sunday, Nov. 2, 1997, at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. He was born Sept. 29, 1961, in St. Louis.

Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuaries, Ltd. in Granite City. Memorials are suggested to Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois St., Granite City.

George Darling Jr., 65, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Granite City, died at 5:50 p.m. on Oct. 22,

Mr. Dilbeck was employed by Clark Oil in Cahokia.

Survivors include two sons, T.J. and Nicholas Dilbeck; a daughter, Beverly Dilbeck of Lenzburg; his father, William Dilbeck, Sr., of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; two brothers, William Dilbeck of Doniphan, Mo., and Charles Dilbeck of French Village, Mo.; seven sisters, Phyllis Bronaugh, Pamela Newberry, Sherry McCallin, Sheila Schneid, all of Granite City, Yolinda Hill of Vandavia, Ruth Grisham of Troy, and Cindy Dilbeck of Doniphan, Mo.; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis (May) Dilbeck; two brothers, Joseph Dilbeck and Virgil Dilbeck; and a sister, Carla Henne. Private cremation was held.

Arrangements were handled by Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia.

Roy Ferguson Jr.

ROY LEE FERGUSON JR., 69, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died at 12:40 p.m. Nov. 2, 1997. He was born Oct. 8, 1928, in Venice.

Mr. Ferguson was employed by Norfolk and Western Railroad in St. Louis as a railroad engineer for 30 years until retiring in 1985. He was a Army veteran and a prisoner of the Korean Conflict and has a purple heart. He was a member of the Methodist faith; BPOL Eika in Fairview Heights; American Legion in Belleville; and Veterans Foreign Wars Post #1117 in Caseyville.

Survivors include six daughters, Christine Seders, Connie Zummo, and Angeles Epperson, all of Granite City; Joy Epperson of Waldorf, Md.; Michele Shemola of Hartford, and Debbie Hawkins of Missouri;

three sons, Mike Epperson of Waldorf, Md., Mike Taylor of Arp, Texas, and Keith Epperson of Granite City; one sister, Ruth Hatcher of Granite City; and 14 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents, Roy Lee and Mary (Vaughn) Ferguson, Sr., and one grandson, James Michael Seders.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Harold Williams officiating. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Association.

Albert Miller

ALBERT H. MILLER, 81, of Granite City, formerly of Glen Carbon, died at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1997, at his home. He was born May 16, 1916, in Glen Carbon.

Mr. Miller was employed by General Steel Castings in Granite City for 36 years as a supervisor and welder. He was a member of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Granite City; Carpenter's Local #633, Granite City; Boiler Makers Local #530 and #483, American Legion Post #435 in Glen Carbon for over 52 years; served three years in Navy Seabees; served four years on Glen Carbon City Council; served as Fire Chief of Glen Carbon; and past member of Glen Carbon Police Department.

Survivors include two sons, Greg A. Miller of Madison, and Scott E. Miller of Glen Carbon; three grandsons, Chanda, Logan, and Mason Miller; two brothers, Ray Miller of Brighton, Colo., and Elton Miller of Madison, Mo.; and four sisters, Thelma Sues, Mae Bernard, and Kathryn Arnette, all of Granite City, and Dorothy Wydra of Glen Carbon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna J. Evans, whom he married Nov. 15, 1947, in Glen Carbon; and preceded him in death June 28, 1992; his parents, Albert G. and Mary (Yanda) Miller; one brother, and two sisters.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Nov. 6, at Weber Funeral Home, 304 N. Main, in Edwardsville. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Glen Carbon with the Rev. William Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Granite City, and Rev. Kathryn Mathewson, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Glen Carbon officiating. Burial will be in Glen Carbon City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Madison County.

Shirley Taylor

SHIRLEY TAYLOR, 28, of St. Louis, formerly of East St. Louis, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1997, at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Survivors include her mother, Beatrice Taylor of St. Louis; three sisters, Shirley Taylor of Canfield, Wanda Taylor of St. Louis, and Yolanda Lawrence of Madison; two brothers, Larry Taylor and Eric Taylor, both of St. Louis; her grandmother, Florine Pinson of Lovejoy; three aunts; three uncles; five nephews; and three nieces.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Officer Funeral Home in East Chicago with the Rev. Carl E. Officer officiating. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Dorothy Barnes

DOROTHY H. (MOLEN) BARNES, 78, of Granite City, formerly of Venice, died at 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1997, at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra. She was born July 15,

1919, in Calhoun, Ky.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1997, at Second Baptist Church with the Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Carl Watkins of the church officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Thomas Mortuaries, Ltd. in Granite City. Memorials are suggested to Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois St., Granite City.

George Darling Jr., 65, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Granite City, died at 5:50 p.m. on Oct. 22,

1997, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Dow was a member of Calvary Church in Granite City. Services were Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the funeral home with the Rev. Fred Boatwright, pastor of Calvary Church, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Diabetes Association of Illinois.

Charles D. Homan Jr., 21, died on Thursday, Oct. 28, 1997, in rural Berry County, Missouri. He was born on June 17, 1976.

3, 1921, in Plant City, Fla.

Mrs. Dow was a member of Calvary Church in Granite City. Services were Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the funeral home with the Rev. Fred Boatwright, pastor of Calvary Church, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

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What this means is that testimony that a floor is slick, slippery, or polished is insufficient in and of itself to establish negligence. A recent case involved an individual who fell at a race track and injured his back. Apparently the property owner had applied a fresh coat of paint to a concrete floor, and the injured party testified that he felt as if he had stepped on a "sheet of glass or an ice rink."

At the close of the plaintiff's case, the trial court granted a motion for directed verdict. This meant that the plaintiff was not even able to get his case to the jury. The Appellate Court held that this action was proper since the only evidence concerning the issue of the defendant's negligence was the testimony that the floor was slippery. The plaintiff in this case presented no evidence that the type of paint used was improper, or that the race track was negligent in its selection of paint.

What evidence will be required to establish negligence with regard to a fall on a slippery floor? One Appellate Court, in a 1996 case, listed some positive acts of a defendant which might give rise to negligence in a case involving a slick floor. The Court noted that using an excessive amount of wax, applying it unevenly, or treating part of a floor with wax and leaving another part untreated would be acts which could be construed as negligence.

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WEDDINGS

Headrick
— Jones

Jo Ann Headrick and Jason Robert Jones were married on July 26, 1997, at Nameoki United Methodist Church by the Rev. James Hahn.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara and John Headrick of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Cathy and Douglas Jones of Fairview Heights. The maid of honor was Angela Nemeth of Granite City, friend of the bride. The bride's maids were Amy (Bautsch) Bazzell and Starlene (Modglin) Drennen, both of Granite City, and friends of the bride.

The best man was David Pollard of Summerfield, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Lawrence Jones of Almagordo, N.M., and Allen Jones of Fairview Heights, both brothers of the groom.

The flower girl was Ashley Jones, niece of the groom. The ring bearer was Andrew Pollard, son of the best man.

A reception was held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Following a wedding trip to West Frankfort and Shawnee National Forest, the couple now reside in Granite City.



Jason and Jo Ann Jones

Muckerman
— Swick

Mr. and Mrs. John Large Jr., of Granite City, and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Muckerman of Bowling Green, Mo., proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Lori G. Muckerman to Darriek L. Swick.

Muckerman is a 1995 graduate of Bowling Green High School.

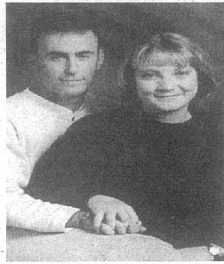
She is currently enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Swick graduated from Riverside High School in Elwood,

Pa., in 1990. He is also enlisted in the Army, and was recently promoted to sergeant.

The couple are currently stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, where they were married in a private ceremony on Oct. 11, 1997.

A reception will be held in their honor on Nov. 8, 1997, at the Mexican Honorary Club in Granite City.



Lori and Darriek Swick

Summary —

(Continued from Page 9A) Services were Saturday, Nov. 1, at Peterson's Funeral Home. Burial was in Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora, Mo.

Edward Mathon
EDWARD M. MATHON, 73, of River-view, Fla., died on Monday, Oct. 20, 1997, in Tampa, Fla.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 25, at the funeral home with the Rev. Barry Kimak officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memory Gardens.

Arlene Terry
ARLENE TERRY, 60, lifetime resident of Granite City died at 10:44 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, 1997, at St. Louis University Hospital. She was born on Dec. 15, 1936, in Alton, Ill. Services were Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Harold Gillison officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Howard Thomas, Sr.
HOWARD E. THOMAS, SR., 76, of Lebanon died Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. He was born in Olmstead. Services were Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the First Pentecostal Church in Lebanon. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel handled the arrangements.

Konzen

(Continued from Page 1A) on city issues are made only within the interests of the citizens of this community.

"Further, the officers of Granite City, which have been appointed by him, reflect this same dedication," he wrote. Konzen ended by saying he was grateful for the opportunity to have served with all city officials, and praised the city legal staff for their highest level of professionalism.

"He's retiring in good stead," said Selph. "We will certainly miss him tremendously."

Members of the council agreed.

"He has always been civic-conscious," said Alderman Casmer Skubish. "He has always been brilliant for the city. We will have to go very far to replace him."

The new city attorney, Keith Jensen, has been serving as attorney for Pontoon Beach. He is a partner in the law firm Callis, Papa, Jensen, Jackstadt & Halloran, P.C.

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MILITARY

Air Force Staff Sgt. SHELIA M. BEARD has arrived for duty at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Beard, a financial management specialist, is the sister of Verillian Foster of Madison. Beard is a 1980 graduate of East St. Louis Senior High School.

Army National Guard Pvt. WESLEY C. REED has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Reed is the son of Velonder L. Gayden of Pontoon Beach.

Army Reserve Lt. Col. LESLIE J. MITKOS JR. has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Guard.

Operation Joint Guard, formally known as Operation Joint Endeavor/Determined Effort, is a NATO-sponsored joint, multinational peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a republic of the former Yugoslavia.

Mitkos is a command chaplain normally assigned to the 21st General Hospital in St. Louis. He is the son of Leslie J. and

Gloria S. Mitkos of Granite City.

Air Force Airman CHARLES E. FRANKLIN JR. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Franklin is the son of Betty A. Franklin of Madison, and a 1996 graduate of Madison Senior High School.

Army Pvt. JASON W. ARMES has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Armes is the son of Corine A. Harris of Granite City.

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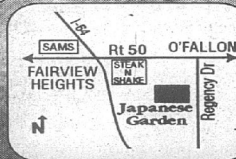
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Section B
Thursday, November 6, 1997

Lady Warriors' postseason ride ends

Granite City falls
to Bulldogs in
semifinal matchBy Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It was a fun ride while it lasted. It just didn't last long enough.

The Granite City High School Lady Warriors' late-season run came to an abrupt halt Tuesday night in the semifinal round of the Collinsville Class AA volleyball sectional. Highland scored an impressive 15-5, 10-10 successive sets victory and moved into tonight's final against powerful Belleville East.

East survived a mild scare against unheralded East St. Louis Lincoln, struggling to a 15-8, 16-14 decision in the evening's second contest.

Granite (11-20) could not seem to win match early in the year, but became a serious factor down the stretch, placing third in the Southwestern Conference Tournament, and spilling a pair of heavy favorites in regional play. But the Bulldogs (25-9) who had thumped the Lady Warriors twice on the year, including a game in the Freeburg Tournament, were on their game again Tuesday, and Granite was in trouble early.

"Sometimes it's hard to beat a team three times in one year, and especially a pesky team like Granite City," said Bulldogs coach Jodi Ramsey. Junior setter Danielle Kolshaker staked Highland to a 2-0 lead on a pair of hot serves to start the opening match. The Lady Warriors countered with a side-out on a Jessica Wallace kill, followed by a hard Wallace serve, and the score was 2-1. But when the Bulldogs' Jamie May responded with four straight scoring serves, including a spectacular ace, Highland had a 6-1 lead

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL		
CLASS AA SECTIONAL		
SEMIFINALS		
GRANITE CITY	5	10
HIGHLAND	15	15

and would never be headed. The advantage ballooned to 10-2 before the Lady Warriors worked their way to three straight points. But it was a futile chase. Highland ran off the last three points on strong serves by Jennifer Trame and captured the 15-5 victory.

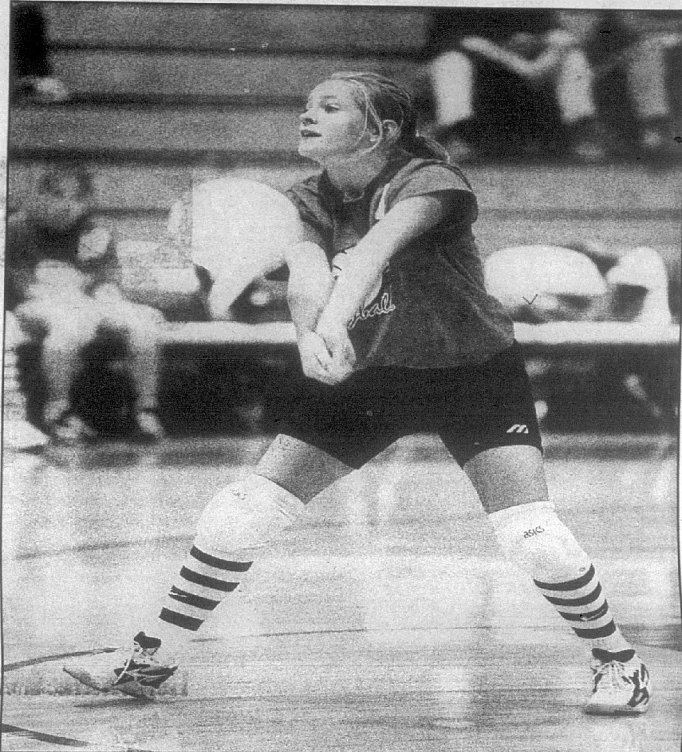
Granite opened fast in the second game, streaking to a sudden 4-0 lead on serves by Leah Gamblin and punctuated with two kills and a block by Jenna Wright.

But behind the superb net play of Trame and Jill Johnson, and the powerful serves of Trame and May, Highland roared past the Lady Warriors and into a 10-4 lead. The margin was 12-5 before Granite rode a trio of Laurie Bohnenholz kill back into the game, pulling within 12-10.

But, once more, May came up big on her serves, sealing the Bulldogs' victory with three straight scores.

"I thought coming into tonight, we matched up very well with Highland," said first-year Granite City coach Beth Seel. "I still think we match up very well — athletically and in every other way. But we just weren't on our game tonight."

Our record doesn't define it, but I believe we have had a successful year," she added. We came on strong at the end of the year. We finished third in the conference tournament. We won the regional. We fought hard tonight. We were successful. I am very proud of these girls."



Granite City's Leah Gamblin bumps a pass to a teammate during the Class AA Collinsville Sectional game against Highland on Tuesday night. The Lady Warriors lost, 15-5, 15-10.

(Photo by JOHN FRESI)

Lancers
squeak by
LincolnBy Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It looked routine.

Belleville East's powerful Lancers (28-7), the premier girls Class AA volleyball team in southern Illinois, was set to bully by yet another postseason opponent, the 9-7 Tigerettes of East St. Louis Lincoln.

But, as the match played out on Tuesday evening at Fletcher Gym in Collinsville, it was anything but routine.

After jumping to leads of 6-0 and 8-1 in the first game, the Lancers had to fight for their lives against a quick and talented Lincoln team to pull out a 15-8 16-14 victory and snuff out the smell of an upset that was growing more pungent by the minute.

"That was our brush with death," said a relieved Lancers coach Becky McGarrity. "(Lincoln) played very well. They put down some big hits and they blocked very well."

Just how hard Lincoln pushed was seen in the weeping figures of Tigerettes who lined the team bench following the loss.

"We had our chances tonight, but we just didn't do those little things that teams with the experience teams like Belleville East — do," said Lincoln coach Hubert Butler. "That's the difference between playing only 17 games in a season, like we did because of the teachers strike, and playing 36, or 37 games like Belleville East has."

Lincoln ended its season at 9-8.

The Lancers improved to 29-7 and will meet Highland (25-9) in the sectional championship game at 7 p.m. tonight at Collinsville.

Hightower will be featured
at Park District banquetBy Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Granite City Park District's annual Sports Award Banquet will be Tuesday Nov. 18, at 6:15 p.m. at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Hall, located at 2060 Delmar Avenue in Granite City.

Tickets are \$6 per person and must be purchased in person at the Park District's office, 2900 Benton Street.

The featured speaker for the evening will be Mr. Ed Hightower, a nationally known and well-respected NCAA Division I basketball official and superintendent of the Edwardsville School District.

Mr. Hightower officiated seven consecutive NCAA Final Four tournaments from 1988-94. He returned to the Final Four in 1996. Offered a contract to referee professional basketball for the National Basketball Association, he declined, preferring the contract he already

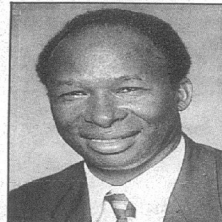
has: educator and school administrator.

While Mr. Hightower is among the top college basketball referees in the country, his officiating pursuits take a back seat to his job as Superintendent of Edwardsville Community Unit District 7, where he is, by his own admission, absolutely committed to the students and teachers.

His civic recognition includes the 1990 Elijah Lovejoy Human Rights Award, the Illinois Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award, the 1993 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Distinguished Alumnus Award, the 1993 Belleville News-Democrat Carol Kimmel Community Service Award, and the 1994 Alton Boys and Girls Club Outstanding Citizen Award.

Mr. Hightower began officiating intramural basketball at SIUE during his junior year in college. Presently, he officiates NCAA Division I basketball in the Big Ten, Big Eight, Great

(See HIGHTOWER, Page 2B)



Ed Hightower, nationally respected college basketball official and the superintendent of schools in the Edwardsville School District, will be the featured speaker at the Granite City Park District's annual awards banquet.

SIUE to host busy
weekend of soccerBy Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Soccer, soccer and more soccer.

That, in a sentence, is the gist of this weekend's soccer extravaganza at Bob Guelker Field on the campus of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

With Sunday's win over Lewis University, the SIUE Cougars clinched the Great Lakes Valley Conference title and, with it, the right to host the GLVC Tournament.

But the conference must share the field with eight high school teams, playing the same weekend for the

IHSAA Class A boys soccer championship.

As a result, four college teams will join eight high school teams, playing 11 games in only 48 hours from Friday through Sunday. It is a soccer lover's dream come true.

The Class A quarterfinals feature Friday games at 12:30, 2:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale, which knocked off Triad and Waterloo, is the closest to an area team in the IHSAA finals, and will meet Springfield in the second game on Friday.

(See SOCCER, Page 3B)

Prep league roils into second season with more teams

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference, which made its debut last year, is back for a second season with eight more schools joining the original 10.

"We have six new schools from Madison County, Columbia and Gibault from Monroe County," said Mike Imes, SIHSBC commissioner and youth director at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights. "We were hoping to double in size, but I feel pretty happy we're at 18."

I sent a fax (with the updated list of teams) to the Illinois High School Association and they sent back a letter stating that because of the growth of our program, they had to create two new sections. O'Fallon will host one of them here (at St. Clair Bowl). It will give us an opportunity to send four teams to state."

The league offers varsity and junior varsity competition for boys and girls teams. The

PREP BOWLING
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL
BOWLING CONFERENCE

six new teams from Madison County are in the North Division while Columbia and Gibault will join the West Division.

"We had six new centers come on line this year to host schools," Imes said. "They're excited about the program and looking forward to it. Tryouts start Nov. 10 and the first match is Nov. 25."

"There are more centers out there who want to host schools. Wood River Bowl would like to have Roxana or (East Alton) Wood River, and Airport Bowl in Roxana would like to have (Bethalto) Civic Memorial."

The first year of the SIHSBC was a major success, as every participating school had a good turnout and several girls teams performed well in the postseason. (The IHSAA doesn't offer a state tournament series for boys.)

Southern Illinois High School Bowling Conference

This year's teams, listed by division and home center, are:

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Freeburg (Freeburg Lanes)	
Lebanon (St. Clair Bowl)	
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West Division	
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Southwestern (Bow Haven, Alton)	
Venice (Bowland, Granite City)	
Collinsville (Carnegie Bowl, Collinsville)	
Alton (Bowl Haven)	

"We had a team (Belleville East) make the girls state finals and we had a bowler (East's Joann Blank) make the all-state team," Imes said. "Hall of Fame bowler) Dick Weber was master of ceremonies for our banquet and we had 300-plus people show up (at St. Clair Bowl). With the number of people who will attend the banquet this year,

we may have to move it to the Gateway Center in Collinsville."

"Our format will be the same as last year. Every team will play the teams in their division twice and play one team in each other division, for a total of 12 matches."

"The Southwestern Conference plans on having a tournament during the season since so many of its teams (Belleville East, Belleville West, Edwardsville, Collinsville and Alton) are participating. Granite City and East St. Louis are the only two (SWC) teams not on line this year. Granite City was interested, but they got started too late to get school board approval. We hope they'll join next year. Bowland has already confirmed they could host two schools."

Imes was equally pleased by fan interest in the league.

"Last year East and West bowled against each other and we had a standing-room-only crowd," Imes said. "We hope to create new rivalries within different divisions."

"Last year I tried to get information out to junior highs to let them know bowling is an option (for high school sports). We have a lot of junior bowlers in our YBA (Youth Bowling Association) program and I'm trying to keep them interested."

The top 10 bowlers last year shared \$10,000 in college scholarship money.

"The Metro East Men's 700 Club donated \$6,000 for scholarships and they hope to donate at least that much this year," Imes said. "High school administrators — especially the coaches and athletic directors (league sponsor) Pepsi, and the bowling center proprietors have really made this a smooth-running operation."

High school students seeking more information about the SIHSBC can call their local bowling center or call Imes at St. Clair Bowl (832-2406). The league also seeks local businesses to be sponsors; call Imes for more information on that as well.

SPORTS

Soccer playoffs have been highlight in best time of year for sports fans

As far as I'm concerned, there is no better time for a sports fan than in the fall. Especially if you're a high school sports fan.

There are the football playoffs. State tournaments in boys and girls cross-country, girls volleyball, boys golf, and, of course, boys soccer. Now that the state has gone to a two-class system in soccer, the boys soccer playoffs are doubly enjoyable.

The highly competitive area soccer didn't let us down in the first year of the two boys tournaments. Belleville East (Class AA) and Triad (Class A) came in as the standard-bearers heading into the playoffs. However, neither made it out of the sectional round. In fact, Belleville East got beat in the first round in a penalty-kick shootout against Granite City. Edwardsville, also a penalty-kick semifinalist winner over Collinsville, knocked off Granite City in the Collinsville Sectional championship contest. To show how crazy things went, Collinsville was seeded No. 7, but easily beat second-seeded O'Fallon in quarterfinal play.

Edwardsville, the third seed, earned a second trip to the state finals in the last two years by beating Bloomington 3-1 in Tuesday's Quincey Supersectional. In the first 25 years of the state boys soccer tournament, only Edwardsville and Alton — once each — have



Bob Emig

represented this area at the state finals, other than teams from Granite City or Collinsville. Granite City (South) has 10 state championships to its credit and Collinsville four.

Now, it appears Edwardsville may be the new kid on the state tournament block. The Tigers have some good players coming up, particularly their freshman class, which formed the nucleus for last year's under-14 IYSA State Cup championship team. A lot of the Edwardsville High players have been receiving good off-season training from the Edwardsville-based Metro Club, and Tigers head coach Mark Schwarzkopf has molded the team into one of the more tactically sound squads in the state. What kept Edwardsville out of the state finals in years past was its athleticism. Now, the Tigers have the athletes to go along with their tactically sound and technically sound players to move to the head of the class.

A good example of Edwardsville's athleticism

coming into play was in the Super-Sectional win against Bloomington when Chris LaRose (two goals) and Kyle Kupinski (the third goal) figured into all of the scoring. Both players are more suitable for the football field than the soccer field. Edwardsville's FA announcer gets a big kick introducing the players at home matches, making it sound more like a WWF event than a high school soccer match.

In short, Edwardsville now has the horses, and Schwarzkopf is pulling the right reins to get them to the finish line.

Springfield High, a perennial sacrificial lamb for the teams in this area for the Super-Sectional title in the old one-class days, finally will get its day at the state finals. The Senators, one of the larger Class A schools in the state, beat Chatham Glenwood 3-1 to advance to the first Class A state finals, which will be played Friday and Saturday at SIU-Edwardsville.

Carbondale made Triad look good by whipping Waterloo 5-1 in the Columbia Super-Sectional. The Terriers knocked off Triad 3-2 to win the Triad Sectional. Once the two-class system was announced, Triad, seeded second in last year's one-class area sectional, was immediately claimed as a

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state contender. The Knights return the nucleus of their team, so 1998 may be their year — providing their enrollment isn't too great to push them into the Class AA tournament, which presumably has stiffer competition.

Carbondale is certainly a worthy representative for this area at the first Class A state finals. The Terriers won the Waterloo Tournament, sort of a prelude to the playoffs. First-year coach Daniel Frazier, a law student, has molded the squad into a team. Carbondale, while possessing a lot of talent in the past, didn't play together. Frazier has showed them the benefits of teamwork, blending the players' individual skills into a team concept.



Fall champions

The team sponsored by the Law Offices of William W. Schooley Jr. won the Granite City Park District Fall League and playoffs. Members of the team (pictured above, from left to right) are: Maxine Christoff, Betty Arbeiter, Kathy Parker, Hollie Sturdivant, coach Claudia Stephens and Butch Hanfelder; Middle row Tammy Odom, Caryn Nadenbush, Cynthia Johnson and Cathy Burdge; In back — coach Foster Frederick, Bobbi Haddix, manager Rebecca Schooley, Kelly Johnson, Karen Sykes and Lisa Niemeyer. Missing from the photo is Ade Chastain.

SIU-Edwardsville tickets for basketball now on sale

Season tickets are currently on sale for the 1997-98 SIU-Edwardsville men's and women's basketball teams.

Both squads will host nine Great Lakes Valley Conference contests as part of a schedule of basketball doubleheaders. The women kick off the evenings at 5:30 p.m. The men's games start at 7:30 p.m.

On the non-conference front, the men's squad will host 13 games while the women's squad host 12.

The women's team starts the year at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 with a non-conference clash against Wayne State. The men's first game of the year is slated for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22 against Truman State.

Ticket prices for Cougar basketball are \$80 for blue seats, \$55 for a general admission season pass, \$45 for a season pass for SIUE faculty or senior

citizens. Families can buy a season pass for if they purchase four or more passes.

Individual tickets for each game cost \$7 for blue seats, \$5 for general admission, \$3 for SIUE faculty and senior citizens and \$2 for groups of eight or more. SIUE students are admitted free with a valid student ID card.

All Cougars men's games will be broadcast live on WSIE-FM 88.7.

The GLVC also will host its first-ever conference tournament. The first round will be Feb. 24 at sites to be determined. The semifinals and finals will be hosted by the No. 1 seed. Ticket information will be available at a later date.

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Midwest, Missouri Valley and Metro conferences. In 1992, he was voted the Naismith Division I Men's College Basketball Official of the Year. Three years later, he was selected the National Association of Sports Officials to receive the coveted Gold Whistle Award for his tremendous contribution to his community and to sports officials at all levels.

Mr. Hightower represented the United States at the 1990 World Championship of Basketball in South America. In 1993, he was selected as the "Neutral" basketball official for the European Basketball championship in Munich, Germany. During the summer of 1994, he represented the United States at the Goodwill Games held in St. Petersburg, Russia, and was selected to officiate the Gold Medal basketball game.

A graduate of SIUE with bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees, Mr. Hightower has completed all course work for his doctorate at Saint Louis University. He is involved in numerous civic and professional organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors for Lewis & Clark Community College, on the Foundation Board at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and on the boards of Mercantile Bank, St. Anthony's Hospital, Riverbend United Way and Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce. He also is a member of the Edwardsville Rotary Club.

But, even with his extremely busy schedule, Mr. Hightower's priorities remain family, church, work and officiating. He lives in Alton with his wife, Barb and their daughters, Julie (18) and Jennifer (13).

Ed Hightower is, as he prefers to phrase it, "a life toucher."

For further information regarding the Sports Award Banquet, call the Park District office at 877-3059.

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SPORTS

Soccer

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Saturday's semifinals are 9 and 11 a.m., with the third-place game set for 5 p.m. and the state championship clash scheduled for 7 p.m.

Collegiate action commences on Saturday with the GLVC semifinals at 1 and 3 p.m.

The two winners meeting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

By virtue of their conference championship, the 16-1-1 (10-1-0 in league play) Cougars received a first-round bye.

SIUE will meet the winner of Wednesday's game between seventh-seed Missouri-St. Louis (9-9-1, 4-6-1) and second-seed Wisconsin-Parkside (12-5-1, 9-1-1) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Parade, which edged the

Cougars 1-0 Saturday, is the only team to have beaten SIUE this fall.

In other first-round games, No. 5 Northern Kentucky (6-10-1, 4-6-1) tangles with No. 3 Lewis University (12-5-2, 8-1-2) at 2 p.m., while No. 5 Indianapolis (9-8-0, 6-5-0) meets Quincy College (13-6-1, 8-3-0) at 7 p.m.

For Granite City fans, there is a bit of local interest in the GLVC playoffs. The SIUE Cougars are led by Matt Little, a Granite City High School graduate, who has knocked in 12 goals and handed out 8 assists on the year for a team-high 32 points. He has been among the league leaders in all three categories for the entire season.

Granite City freshman cheerleaders attended summer NCA camp at SEMO

The Granite City High School freshman cheerleaders attended Summer Cheer Camp, conducted July 31-Aug. 2 at Southeast Missouri State University.

The event was directed by the National Cheerleaders Association.

The cheerleaders learned cheers, chants and stunts at the camp and were instructed in safety techniques and teamwork.

The freshmen were awarded five superior and one excellence ribbon at the camp for learning and performing new cheers.



The Granite City freshman cheerleaders brought home honors and the Spirit Stick from the Summer Cheer Camp.

Metro FC soccer club announces tryouts

Nov. 1, 9 and 15 as follows:

- Under-15, 1:30-3 p.m.
- Under-16, 2:30-4 p.m.
- Under-17, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.
- Under-18, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.

For information, call Metro FC coaching director Dale Schilly at 667-8333.

The Granite City freshmen also were awarded the Spirit Stick for squads displaying enthusiasm and showing unity throughout the camp.

Legacy Golf Course plans Chili Open for Nov. 15

The Legacy Golf Course's third annual Chili Open will be Saturday, Nov. 15, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The four-man scramble will be flighted according to the number of teams participating. Competition is limited to the first 36 teams. The \$200 per-team fee includes 18 holes with a cart, prize money and a three-way chili buffet following the tournament.

For a cost of \$20 per team, an optional "skins game" is available. Holes will be in crazy places.

Send entries to Legacy Golf Course, 3500 Gill Road, Granite City, Ill. 62040.

For more information, call Mike at (618) 931-4653.

The Game Face Volleyball Club will conduct tryouts (all at Family Sportsplex, 2346 Mascoutah Ave. in Belleville) on the following dates:

- 10-and-under, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 22;
- 12-and-under, 1-4 p.m. Nov. 22;
- 13-and-under, 8-10 p.m. Nov. 21 and 4-6 p.m. Nov. 23;
- 14-and-under, 8-10 p.m. Nov. 21 and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 23;
- 15-and-under, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Nov. 22 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 23;
- 16-and-under, 9 a.m.-12 noon Nov. 22 and 4-6 p.m. Nov. 23;
- 17-and-under, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 22 and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 23;
- 18-and-under, 4-7 p.m. Nov. 22 and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 23;
- High school boys, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 9.

Parent must attend first tryout to complete a medical release form.

Fee of \$15 will be charged.

For information, call Jeff Juenger at 235-7503.

Alton run

The Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis is Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Alton Square Mall.

Events include a 5-kilometer competitive run, a 1-mile fun run/walk and a Joint Parade Walk (for those with joint replacement). Starting time is 8 a.m.

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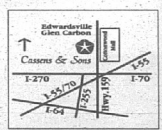
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Rockford Boylan 1, Carey-Grove 0

At Lincolnshire Stevenson

Palatine Fremd 2, Libertyville 1

At Blue Island Elmhurst

New Lenox Lincolnway 5, Chicago Marist 0

At Argo

St. Charles 5, West Chicago 2

At Downers Grove North

Downers Grove South 2, Aurora

Waubesa Valley 1

At Quincy

Edwardsville 3, Bloomington 1

At Chicago Public League

Chicago Farragut 3, Chicago Roosevelt 0

CLASS AA STATE FINALS

(at St. Charles)

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

Game 1: Berwyn Cicero-Morton vs. Rockford Boylan, 12:30 p.m.

Game 2: Palatine Fremd vs. New Lenox Lincolnway, 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: St. Charles vs. Downers Grove North, 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: Edwardsville vs. Chicago Farragut, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 11 a.m.

Third place: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 5 p.m.

State championship: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.

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Geneva 3, Hinckley-Big Rock 1

At St. Viator 3, Crystal Lake Central 1

At Carbondale

Carbondale 5, Waterloo 1

At Springfield

Springfield 3, Chatham Glenwood 1

At Princeton

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New Lenox Providence 3, Manteno 1

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(at SIUE-Edwardsville)

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Game 3: Rockford Christian Life vs. Midlothian Bremen/Oak Park Fenwick Winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: Westchester St. Joseph vs. New Lenox Providence, 7:30 p.m.

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